
EU COMMISSION AIMS AT HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKEY

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The European Commission is preparing to hold honest conversations with Turkey under the fresh chairmanship, the president of EU body said on Wednesday.

The EU has serious issues to discuss with Turkey, including respect for international law, Ursula von der Leyen, the new president of European Commission, told reporters following the first meeting of the College of Commissioners.

Von der Leyen also highlighted the importance of the refugee deal inked between Turkey and the EU in 2016.

She confirmed that Vice-President Margaritis Schinas, in charge of promoting the European Way of Life, and Ylva Johansson, a commissioner for Home Affairs, will travel to Turkey on Friday to discuss migration with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The visit is supposed to reinforce the cooperation between the EU and Turkey after last months diplomatic tensions, when Erdogan talked about the possibility of suspending the 2016 deal after the EU condemned the Turkish military operation in northern Syria.

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